



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1097

Calfed Bay-Delta Authorization Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on April 28, 2004*

SUMMARY

S. 1097 would authorize multiple federal agencies to participate in the implementation of the Calfed Bay-Delta Program as outlined in the August 28, 2000, Record of Decision for the Calfed Bay-Delta Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Report. This bill would authorize the appropriation of \$389 million over the 2005-2010 period specifically for the proposed environmental water account (\$90 million), stabilizing levees (\$90 million), evaluating and constructing water conveyance structures (\$184 million), and coordinating the federal portion of the Calfed Bay-Delta Program (\$25 million). S. 1097 would authorize the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Army Corps of Engineers to participate in these projects. Under this bill, the federal share of the cost of these projects would be limited to 33.3 percent of the total cost for the 2005-2010 period as outlined in the Record of Decision.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1097 would cost about \$265 million over the 2005-2009 period and \$124 million after 2009. Enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 1097 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1097 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Calfed Bay-Delta Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	17	23	20	2	0	0
Proposed Changes:						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	65	65	65	65	65
Estimated Outlays	0	29	46	55	68	67
Calfed Bay-Delta Spending Under S. 1097						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	65	65	65	65	65
Estimated Outlays	17	52	66	57	68	67

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 1097 will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2004 and that the necessary amounts will be appropriated in equal amounts over the 2005-2010 period. Since this bill limits the federal cost share to 33.3 percent of the total funding for the 2005-2010 period, CBO expects that spending on these projects will be slower than historical federal spending on similar projects. CBO estimates that implementing the projects outlined in this bill would cost about \$265 million over the 2005-2009 period and \$124 million after that period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1097 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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